

### Remarks

The above preliminary amendment is made to include amendments, for instance, as those added under PCT Article 34. Claim 1 is amended, and is supported for example at page 3, lines 30-34 and at page 11, lines 5-17 of Applicants' specification. Claim 2 is canceled. Accordingly, claims dependencies of claims 19-24 and 26-29 have been revised to depend from claim 1. Claims 39-43 from the Article 34 Amendments are included in the claim listing. Claims 1 and 3-43 are pending. No new matter has been added.

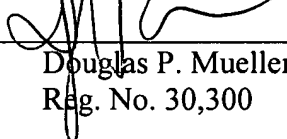
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at 612.455.3804.

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